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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

### **AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5 3 VOTES**

#### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractor for the following:

Project ID No. FCC0000249 - Puddingstone Channel Invert Access Ramp, City of La Verne (5), to EDT Engineering Company, Inc., in amount of \$186,666.32.

Project ID No. FCC0000317 - Project No. 3650, Lines D, E, & F, City of Glendale (5), to W. A. Rasic Construction Company, in amount of \$854,803.59.

Project ID No. FCC0000729 - La Brea Avenue Drain, vicinity of Baldwin Hills (2), to Nikola Corporation, in amount of \$184,075.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000744 - Santa Clara River Invert Access Ramps, City of Santa Clarita (5), to 4-Con Engineering, Inc., in amount of \$263,886.00.

Project ID No. FMD0003041 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2003, South Maintenance Area, Unit 2, vicinities of Santa Fe Springs and Long Beach (1 and 4), to United Pacific Services, Inc., in amount of \$122,144.00

Project ID No. FMD0003043 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2003, South Maintenance Area, Unit 4, vicinities of Culver City, Inglewood, and Crenshaw (2), to Ron's Maintenance, in amount of \$69,500.00.

Project ID No. FMD0003044 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2003, South Maintenance Area, Unit 5, vicinities of Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Lynwood (2), to Travers Tree Service, Inc., in amount of \$98,686.00.

Project ID No. RDC0011028 - Chiquito Canyon Road Over San Martinez Chiquito Creek, vicinity of Val Verde (5), to Olivas Valdez, Inc., in amount of \$809,809.60.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID No RDC0011028.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2002-03 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBES) on Federal and State funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On April 16, 2002, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for Project ID No. FCC0000729.

Each of the remaining projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.

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To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000249, PUDDINGSTONE CHANNEL INVERT ACCESS RAMP (City of La Verne), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a reinforced concrete invert access ramp and retaining wall.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 1, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: April 29, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*EDT Engineering Company, Inc., a corporation 23341 Del Lago Drive Laguna Hills, California 92653 (949) 598-1900	\$186,666.32
2	*4-Con Engineering, Inc.	\$194,852.00
3	*Van Elk, Ltd.	\$195,279.00
4	Steve Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$197,570.00
5	Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$205,580.00
6	Essex Construction, Inc.	\$212,991.00
7	+*Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$215,552.00
8	Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc.	\$220,784.00
9	PPC Construction, Inc.	\$226,695.30
10	Buso Constructors, Inc.	\$233,850.00
11	KEC Engineering	\$247,850.00
12	Beador Construction Company, Inc.	\$250,300.00
13	*PK Construction	\$272,930.00
14	HighLand Construction, Inc.	\$280,990.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$195,197.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$186,666.32
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 8,530.68

The amount of the recommended contract is four percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

EDT Engineering, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), and Class 3, Subsection (h), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
June xx, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000317, PROJECT NO. 3650, LINES D, E, & F  
(City of Glendale), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of approximately 4,200 feet of reinforced concrete pipe within Lexington Avenue, Wilson Avenue, and Harvard Street in the City of Glendale.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 15, 2003 (Synopsis 46)

BID OPENING DATE: May 13, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., a corporation 11126 Wright Road Lynwood, California 90262 (310) 886-0590	\$ 854,803.59
2	Southern California Underground Contractors, Inc.	\$ 873,400.00
3	*Radich Construction, Inc.	\$ 886,000.00
4	Mike Prlich & Sons, Inc.	\$ 918,850.00
5	Andrew Papac & Sons	\$ 924,135.00
6	Colich Construction	\$ 956,955.00
7	Ken Thompson, Inc.	\$ 995,000.00
8	Steve Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$1,021,490.00
9	Vasilj, Inc.	\$1,057,750.00
10	Mladen Grbavac Construction Company	\$1,285,700.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 956,579.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 854,803.59
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 101,775.41

The amount of the recommended contract is 11 percent below the estimate.



The construction contract cost of the project is to be borne by the City of Glendale and the Flood Control District in the ratio of 50 percent each. The Flood Control District will bear the costs in excess of the City's contribution. Prior to advertisement of the project for construction bids, the City of Glendale transferred its \$600,000 contribution to the Flood Control District in accordance with the agreement. Financing for this agreement is available from the Flood Control District Fiscal Year 2002-03 Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

W. A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc. has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 3, Subsection q, of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 70 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in November 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000729, LA BREA AVENUE DRAIN (in the vicinity of Baldwin Hills), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of reinforced concrete pipe storm drain and an outlet structure.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 15, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: May 13, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Nikola Construction Corporation dba Nikola Corporation 4770 Von Karman Avenue Newport Beach, California 92660 (949) 794-1868	\$184,075.00
2	*Cody Engineering, Inc.	\$208,352.00
3	Van Elk, Ltd.	\$236,790.00
4	+Buso Constructors, Inc.	\$243,425.00
5	+*Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$249,780.00
6	Grgo & Gordon Grbavac Construction Company	\$249,800.00
7	Steve Bubalo Construction Company	\$277,468.00
8	Excel Paving Company	\$323,358.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$183,660.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$184,075.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 415.00

The amount of the recommended contract is less than 1 percent above the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Nikola Coporation has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 27 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On April 16, 2002, your Board approved the Negative Declaration for this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in September 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000744, SANTA CLARA RIVER INVERT ACCESS RAMPS  
(City of Santa Clarita), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of three reinforced concrete invert access ramps and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 1, 2003 (Synopsis 48)

BID OPENING DATE: April 29, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*4-Con Engineering, Inc., a corporation 14771 Washington Drive Fontana, California 92334 (909) 427-1177	\$263,886.00
2	+*Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$278,995.30
3	Granite Construction Company	\$279,493.00
4	PPC Construction, Inc.	\$285,012.00
5	Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$288,524.00
6	KEC Engineering	\$297,940.00
7	Steve Bubalo Construction Company, Inc.	\$322,988.00
8	Essex Construction, Inc.	\$323,145.00
9	*A & R Construction Corporation	\$350,600.00
10	*Radich Construction, Inc.	\$358,031.00

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$306,388.10
Amount of recommended contract	\$263,886.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 42,502.10

The amount of the recommended contract is 14 percent below the engineer's estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2002-03.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

4-Con Engineering, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in October 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003041, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2003, SOUTH MAINTENANCE AREA, UNIT 2, (in the vicinities of Santa Fe Springs and Long Beach), Supervisorial Districts 1 and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 9,762 catch basins at various locations in the

southeast area of the County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 15, 2003 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: May 13, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	United Pacific Services, Inc., a corporation 1740 North Hills Drive La Habra, California 90231 (562) 691-4600	\$122,144.00
2	*Fernando's Cleaning Company	\$126,808.38
3	*J & G Maintenance	\$146,430.00
4	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$148,382.40

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Ron's Maintenance submitted a bid guaranty which was less than the required 10 percent of their bid proposal. Their bid was, therefore, considered nonresponsive and rejected in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Paragraph H, "Nonresponsive Bids and Bid Rejection."

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$122,144.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$122,144.00

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2002-03.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

United Pacific Services has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 55 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in September 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003043, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2003, SOUTH MAINTENANCE AREA, UNIT 4 (in the vicinities of Culver City, Inglewood, and Crenshaw), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 6,950 catch basins at various locations in the south area of the County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 15, 2003 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: May 13, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Ronie E. Norman, an individual dba Ron's Maintenance 11542 Horely Avenue Downey, California 90241 (562) 861-1808	\$69,500.00
2	Travers Tree Service, Inc.	\$88,612.50
3	*Fernando's Cleaning Company	\$98,342.50

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$74,500.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$69,500.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 5,000.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 7 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2002-03.



MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Ron's Maintenance, an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in September 2003.

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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0003044, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2003, SOUTH MAINTENANCE AREA, UNIT 5 (in the vicinities of Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, Inglewood, and Lynwood), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 9,310 catch basins at various locations in the south area of the County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 15, 2003 (Synopsis 47)

BID OPENING DATE: May 13, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Travers Tree Service, Inc., a corporation P.O. Box 7000-416 Palos Verdes Peninsula, California 90274 (310) 530-3920	\$ 98,686.00
2	*J & G Maintenance	\$109,392.50
3	*Ron's Maintenance	\$130,340.00

\*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 98,100.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 98,686.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 586.00

The amount of the recommended contract is less than 1 percent above the engineer's estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2002-03.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Travers Tree Service has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in September 2003.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0011028, CHIQUITO CANYON ROAD OVER SAN MARTINEZ  
CHIQUITO CREEK (in the vicinity of Val Verde), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Bridge replacement, construction of a 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe storm drain, a 12-inch steel waterline, and appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 8, 2003 (Synopsis 45)

BID OPENING DATE: May 13, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*Olivas Valdez, Inc., a corporation 846 North Charter Drive Covina, California 91724 (626) 915-7633	\$ 809,809.60
2	4-Con Engineering, Inc.	\$ 827,213.00
3	PPC Construction, Inc.	\$ 830,860.00
4	Security Paving Company, Inc.	\$ 865,284.40
5	C. P. Construction	\$ 890,350.00
6	Beryl Lockhart Enterprises	\$1,008,566.94
7	D.W. Powell Construction, Inc.	\$1,058,555.00
8	Union Engineering Company, Inc.	\$1,099,784.00
9	C. A. Rasmussen, Inc.	\$1,138,635.00
10	Granite Construction Company	\$1,174,342.00

\*MWBE

Mendez Concrete, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$758,675.20; however, their bid failed to include a 10 percent bid guaranty bond. Therefore, Mendez Concrete's bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$ 856,772.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 809,809.60
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 46,962.40

The amount of the recommended contract is 5 percent below the estimate.

This project will be administered under the Federal Aid Highway Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) Program for the bridge work and Federal Aid Surface Transportation Program for a portion of the drainage work covered by Agreement No. 71078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid grant funds will be used to finance a portion of the project cost. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2002-2003 Road Fund and Waterworks District No. 36 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund N47 Budgets.

This project is included in the 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Olivas Valdez, Inc., is a qualified MWBE contractor and has one additional MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 59 percent. This contract has a Federal-mandated DBE goal of 12 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (e) and (x)(14), and Class 2, Subsection (a), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 100 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in December 2003.

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